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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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Traumatic Servicemembers'
Group Life Insurance

Dear U.S. Army Commander,

I am writing to ask your assistance in my effort to leave no stone unturned ensuring every Soldier is aware of and understands the Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) benefit.

TSGLI is a new insurance benefit enacted by Congress to help traumatically wounded Soldiers and their families with a one-time, tax-free payment of up to \$100,000. The money a Soldier receives through TSGLI could go far toward helping a Soldier's family to be with them during recovery; assisting with unforeseen expenses, or giving the Soldier and his or her family a head start on life after recovery.

Enclosed please find TSGLI materials—an information document and frequently asked questions (FAQ). Please duplicate and share them with your command. Additional information including claim forms are available on the TSGLI website— www.tsqli.army.mil or through our Service Center that can be reached via telephone, 1-800-237-1336 or via e-mail at tsqli@hoffman.army.mil.

This program is all about taking care of Soldiers, as such I recommend TSGLI as a topic for your upcoming OPD and NCOPD, so that leaders can to educate their Soldiers on this benefit. As part of our outreach efforts, we are trying to disseminate the following key messages:

- TSGLI helps Soldiers from all components—Active, Reserve and National Guard. If a Soldier is covered by Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI), that Soldier also is covered by TSGLI for qualifying injuries.
- A traumatic injury is an injury or loss caused by application of external force or violence.
- TSGLI is not just for combat-related injuries, it covers Soldiers anytime, anywhere. Qualifying traumatic injuries incurred after 1 December 2005 are covered under TSGLI—regardless of where they occurred.
- TSGLI coverage is retroactive for qualifying injuries incurred 7 October 2001 through 30 November 2005, if the event occurred in theater supporting OEF or OIF or in a Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) area. For more information, see the enclosed materials.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this effort. If you have any questions, please contact our Division at 1-800-237-1336.

Respectfully,

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Enclosures